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Newt Gingrich to speak at grad ceremony
By James Tong

Former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich has been tapped as the commencement speaker for the graduation ceremonies to be held May 19, 2007.

Gingrich is notable for being a staunch Republican and a leader in the Republican party after the elections of 1994 led to a Republican majority in the House of Representatives.

This will be Gingrich's second time speaking at Liberty.

He previously spoke at graduation in 1991.

The News & Advance reported March 6 that Gingrich is working on "Rediscovering God in America," which will be a look "at the role of faith in our nation's history and future." It is also the name of his book published in October 2006.

LU boosts local economy, growth
By James Tong

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Well, some of us doubted it would get here in one piece, but it's officially here — the season of love, romance, eggs, pink, lilac birds, and hot-tempered mamas of all species, including me — so we had an extra reason to cheer for a change.

If anyone asks me what my most significant life event is, the first thing out of my mouth is "Opening Day, April 1st." I feel like the real trouble starts the day after opening day for the Red Sox, a day later.

But, just joking aside, we're finally here! So, I thought I'd share with you some tips for avoiding the egg-laying frenzy (reproductive stress) and the general parental chaos that don't involve getting into a fight with your significant other. Here are some suggestions:

1. **Girls, if you know your guy is just dying to show off his prettiness, encourage it.** It's a sign his hands are distinctively human. How else would he "lay" the eggs? Unless you want to get extra strength arthritis medicine.

2. **Asst. Design Editor Caleb Atkins:** If you want him to look all manly and dignified, so that by contrast you'll be the perfect complement, believe me, I understand, and if I can follow their claim isn't really pink, but whatever).

3. **He's supposed to be a bunny (at least he is supposed to be) but I'm pretty sure he has his hands on Salmon (which they claim isn't really pink, but whatever) so let him wear salmon (which he's supposed to be) but I'm pretty sure she has her hands on salmon (which she claims isn't really pink, but whatever).

4. **Believe me, I understand, and if I can follow their claim isn't really pink, but whatever.)**

5. **Finally, just relax.** Forget about the test tomorrow. If it concerns books and online policies concerning books and online policies, it's too late.

Well, that's all for now. I hope you enjoy your Easter less-than-disastrous.

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Do you have dandruff? (dry, itchy, or flaky scalp)

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Past thrust into spotlight

GROWTH: More on the way

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WARD, III, which Helgeson represents, not only includes Liberty, but also the majority of the city’s restaurants and several major businesses, such as Walmart, River Ridge Mall and others.

What is disconcerting for Helgeson is the lack of city tax revenue that goes toward improvement in Ward III.

The monogram stands as a landmark for Liberty University, and it is visible from miles away. Students have reported a clear view of the red and white symbol as far as the top of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

“Where the sun always shines!”

Lynne Robinson

From Washington to Lynchburg — Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich is set to speak to the class of 2007 in May. Gingrich is considered by many to be responsible for leading the Republican party to a majority in the House in 1995.

What is on the horizon as the U.S. enters a time of uncertainty is unknown. President Bush went before the American people and said he planned to implement a “surge” of troops to increase security in Iraq. Iraq policy forms more of the security and overall increase strategy.

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WAR: What will 2007 bring?

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The basis of our faith
Reflecting on the Resurrection of Christ

As I have grown up, one of my favorite memories has always been Easter Sunday. I loved going shopping for a new Easter dress to wear to church. I loved coloring Easter eggs with my younger brother and opening the Easter baskets from our parents. We would even have an Easter egg hunt at my grandmother’s house. It was a time between my brother and I to see who could find the most plastic eggs with the dollar bills hidden inside (yes, we didn’t go on randy). These traditions, along with the Easter bunny, are what most people associate with the religious holiday. And while my family did partake in these secular activities, my absolute favorite tradition is Sunrise Service.

I attended a small, white country church that was built in 1895. Inside are pews lined with hymnals and beautiful glass windows. Attendance is small, under 100. Every Easter, the congregation meets in the cemetery behind the church just before sunrise. My parents play guitar and we sing songs like “Up from the Grave He Arose” and “He Lives.” There is just something so special about standing in the graveyard and worshipping as the sun rises above the trees. I can only imagine what it was like for our ancestors to hear the first shout of “He is Risen!” and then to rush to the tomb with the realization that their Lord was alive again!

This is what Easter is all about — the risen Son. Over the years, there have been several claims that have tried to deny the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Last year, it was Easter Sunday. I loved the beautiful glass windows. Attendance is small, under 100. Every Easter, the congregation meets in the cemetery behind the church just before sunrise. My parents play guitar and we sing songs like “Up from the Grave He Arose” and “He Lives.” There is just something so special about standing in the graveyard and worshipping as the sun rises above the trees. I can only imagine what it was like for our ancestors to hear the first shout of “He is Risen!” and then to rush to the tomb with the realization that their Lord was alive again!

There are many who don’t know this Savior. They are searching for answers and the enemy is telling them lies that deny Christian claims. It is our responsibility as Christians to take this attack seriously and share the power of our resurrection with those who are asking the tough questions, you would do well to prepare yourself so that you can answer the questions that come. I used to not care. It was a legitimate argument to say that the Bible or its claim is true, and whether or not someone chooses to believe them does not make them any less true. I never thought that answer was satisfactory. But it’s the power that made the resurrection possible that changes hearts.

In order to be an effective witness, I must know why I believe what I believe. This was the topic of Dr. Ergun Caner’s message in church on Wednesday night. “Because I said so” is not a satisfying argument for someone who is searching for answers. I don’t recommend starting a conversation with a skeptic with the phrase, “The Bible says...” because the argument is really convincing to someone who doesn’t believe its contents. As Caner said, this is circular reasoning.

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Born (again) under the sign of the cross

I recently received an e-mail that was one of those that have been circulating over 1,000 times before it finally arrives in your inbox. The person who forwarded this was the type who sent the first to pass along a message about God showing His power, keeping soldiers in their purpose, or keeping God in our schools. However, this e-mail contained something quite different—information about astrological signs.

There are a lot of Christians who have, what I believe to be, an unhealthy curiosity about astrology. In fact, 79 percent of people who identify themselves as Christians also say they believe in astrology, according to a Harris Poll. As Christians, we are prone to believe in the supernatural. After all, we believe in God, angels, demons and that our souls will live on for eternity...

...by defining what we can and cannot do with the symbol, we disregard the very liberty our soldiers are fighting for.

Since the ruling, some believe that flag laws are not necessary enough to find respectful ways to communicate their opinions. Flag burning was officially outlawed in 1989. The flag of the United States has been a symbol of American pride and resilience since the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act on June 14, 1777. According to usflag.org, although many believe Betsy Ross to be the first to create a tangible flag, it is not possible to verify. Since the flag's formation hundreds of years ago, the flag surrounding it has fluctuated from state to state. Congress created a code in December of 1942 stating how to go about displaying the flag, but no penalties were created for ignoring it. Without an official code in mind, each of the individual states were free to create appropriate laws concerning the patriotic symbol. Let now the astrolgers, the star gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand say, and have close from these tring things that come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stable; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to hold them; nor fire to sit before it (KJV).

We are warned in Scripture not to look up to the heavens in worship. Deuteronomy 4:19 says, "And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, shouldst be driven to worship them, and that the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven." (KJV).

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Flag in protest, the court concluded that under the First Amendment the protestor could not be held criminal.

Since the ruling, some believe that flag laws are not taken as seriously. Those punished for flag desecration are penalized because of their sentiment rather than their first action, and by punishing the desecrator, the government denies the rights for which the flag stands. While ideally, God also warns of the consequences that may befall the astrologers, Isaiah 47:14 says, "Thus art weared in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrolgers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and have close from these things that come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stable; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to hold them; nor fire to sit before it (KJV)."

Americans citizens should have a great respect for their nation's flag, knowing the flag should not be outlawed.

I have a great respect for all of our armed forces, and I personally find any form of flag desecration to be intolerable and incredibly disrespectful. But by defining what people can and cannot do with the symbol, we disregard the very liberty soldiers are fighting for. It is only because of the laying down of valiant lives that innovators, progress promoters are even able to display such lack of respect.

In 1989, President George H.W. Bush passed the Flag Protection Act as a constitutional amendment. According to usflag.org, this amendment was created in an attempt to stop the desecration of the flag, but instead only caused more protests and increased the amount of flag destruction. Although the development of new regulations often requires disagreement, continuance of such change, especially of creating program should be steadfast enough to find respectful ways to communicate opinions.

Though the flag should be respected as a symbol of national honor, it is not the responsibility of the government to regulate whether or not burning it should be legal. The free government regulation there is, the better government should trust its regulating to decide that are essential to the country's well being. Flag burning, though desecrating to national morale, does not, for the most part, pose any significant danger.

Once officials start tampering with age-old rules and establishing more and more laws, a slippery slope of intolerance is formed down which may eventually limit even more of our freedoms. The more power there is, the more of the people the better. Outlawing flag burning would only be a affirmation of Constitutional rights.

Still, the whole concept of a soldier dying for our country's honor is established when the flag that stands for freedom is amended by regulation. I hope that the government will recognize that in trying to control every aspect of civilization, it stifles the flame of freedom so essential to our existence.

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The road to Liberty: How biology professor Dr. Marcus Ross became a paleontologist and caused creation controversy

By David Thompson

What do you do when you grow up?" It's a question that everyone is familiar with on some level or another. Some people go to college or work for a few years, and then go on to graduate school or work in a field they enjoy. Some people go through life without really thinking about what they want to do. But for some people, it's a question that keeps them up at night, wondering if they are on the right path.

According to him, "Not a lot of people have their desire to be a paleontologist" in their high school yearbook, even of those that actually did, few of them are actually able to make it all the way through.

But Ross made it through on a level that most childhood fantasies never realize. The New York Times recently ran an article on the peculiarities of his situation. You see, Ross is a creationist. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Rhode Island. Cross-reference creationist, paleontology and "Rhode Island" in a Google search, and the first full page will link to the New York Times article. Making the facts even more fascinating, the article was written according to that evidence. "What I was most interested about when the story came out in the Times," said Ross, "was that the people back at URI in my department would take a lot of heat. Taking on a creationist student in the geological sciences and letting them get through in a Ph.D., some people held the adviser reliable." During his time at URI, Ross came to a situation where grants were in question and an outside job was a necessity. Through an association with Dr. David DeWitt, who heads up Liberty's Creation Studies program, Ross came to Lynchburg, Virginia for his dissertation. Ross is only 30 years old, and there is plenty of life left for him to live. "There is a check and rewarding faith following Christ wherever He leads you," he says. "But me, he's led me here." Contact David Thompson at dthompson@liberty.edu.

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Spring is in the air...

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." — Charles Dickens

Spring is in the air...
Liberty picks McKay as new men’s coach

By Jared Pierce
SPORTS REPORTER

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The Liberty Flames bats were swinging hot and the University of Maryland-Baltimore County Retrievers could not seem to find their offense last Wednesday in a non-conference game at Worthington Stadium.

The Flames offense netted 14 hits and 10 runs while the defense allowed only two runs behind a strong outing from junior David Stokes — who enjoyed the luxury of pitching most of the game with a comfortable lead.

"It really helps out a lot (pitching a lead) — you can go in there and throw a lot more fastballs and try to get ahead in the count," he said.

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The effect was devastating on son according to ESPN.com. He hopes to bring Liberty to "Georgia-like success," though he has only seen the team go 4-6 times on film and one-on-one during a team workout. His style of basketball? "Whatever style helps us win," said McKay.

Sophomore Anthony Smith, who has two years of eligibility left, is excited about the opportunity to play under a "big-time coach" and not worried about the potential of changing systems. "Basketball is basketball," said Smith.

McKay currently has only one staff member, but he already has ideas on who to look. He was scheduled to meet with the team later on Monday afternoon.

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Several personnel moves have been made this offseason in the National Football League, but maybe none have a more immediate impact than this past week's Houston Texans and Atlanta swap.

With their trade on Wednesday, the Falcons received some draft picks and swapped first rounders with the Texans for starting quarterback Michael Vick's backup, Matt Schaub. Consequently, David Carr — the Texans' first ever draft pick and starting quarterback since day one for Houston — was released on Friday.

What I don't understand here is why the Texans cut David Carr. I realize he has thrown a lot of interceptions — 65 to be exact — in his five seasons in Houston, but he has completed 66 percent of his passes. That's not too shabbily on a team with no protection.

Here is the most telling stat of all, though. Carr was sacked a whopping 43 times in five seasons. To me, that sounds like he doesn't have a good offensive line in front of him.

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Gearing up for the gridiron: A breakdown of the Flames non-conference football schedule for the 2007 season

Well, the Flames released their 2007 football schedule! This is (sort of) exciting, but now to those who don’t read Liberty sports every day.

(See a separate note, library has no affiliation with the athletic Web sites around. After trying to obtain better schedules for Liberty teams such as No. 3 North Alabama (Loss), Lynchburg's Saturday.

The Flames also mentioned that they will play against the Glass Bowl, was originally built in the 1920s sent most of America’s working class to the factory and out of the modern world. Baseball: Flakes dropp weekend series against High Point Univ.

Track runs against itself

The Liberty men’s and women’s track teams traveled this week across campus to compete in the Liberty Invitational, held on Saturday.

The Flames have been on a tear as of late. Two of last season’s wins came against conference foes with a combined 6-16 record. The Flames faced the Panthers’ fifth victory of the season.

The Weather Channel reported that this week’s meet begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 30 at Campbell. The next meet takes place on campus as the Flames face the Panthers, Portice was fifth on their way to a 10-2 victory.

Flames women’s track and field rolled through a week of medal winning and strong competition.

Game Prediction: The Tribe will have a good, confident stick for the Rico program. They will probably be more than 100 years strong in the future.

The Blue Hose will pick up his first loss of the year for the Flames, allowing seven hits and four earned runs in 4.1 innings. Contact Mitchell Malcheff at mitchell.malcheff@highpoint.edu.

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The Flames resume play against fellow SAC conference school Elon. They won five of the season's first six games before falling to VMI and losing their second straight.

Side Note: The NCAA regional championships.

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Men's tennis drops ninth straight decision while the ladies defeat JMU to improve their record

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, both the men's and women's tennis teams played host to the Dukes of James Madison University. The men's team - coming off a previous day's loss to Richmond - was looking to earn just its fourth victory of the season heading into the final month of play.

However, the Dukes held the upper hand throughout most of the match, due in large part to sweeping the doubles competition.

Freshman Chad Simpson, who was teamed with junior Jordan Trojan at number one doubles, said, "Obviously, we need to work out our doubles because we lost all three of our matches. It gives the other team momentum going into the singles matches and forces us to win four out of the six singles matches instead of three."

Simpson and the Dukes only mustered one singles match victory. Both Trojan and Simpson lost, with Simpson giving battle. Trojan bowed out to Jesse Tarr 6-3, 6-0, while the freshman trio of Luis Olivera, Franco Valdez and Juan Reyes were unable to get anything going in the other singles matches of the afternoon.

Junior Sebastian Pena was the lone bright spot for the Flames on this day. Playing at number three singles, Pena was able to earn the only point of the day for the Flames winning every game I served. It gave me a chance to break the confidence back, said Pena.

"It's hard to get my first win so I could have a chance at winning every game I served. It gave me a chance to break the confidence back, and I did. We knew we have to win our points to have a chance to win three close matches and we need to get our confidence back."

On the women's side, junior Martyna Hanusz finished off the Dukes in dramatic fashion. After the Lady Flames jumped out to an early lead by winning two of three doubles matches, JMU needed to win three of the six singles points to secure a victory while the Lady Flames needed only three.

Hanusz had battled through a tough match with fiery Dukes senior Lauren Graham throughout most of the afternoon. With the match on the line for both teams, though, Hanusz stepped up her game and defeated Graham in the third set.

With his player showing obvious signs of fatigue, Lady Flames Head Coach Chris Johnson provided some words of inspiration for Hanusz, which allowed her to cap off the team's victory over JMU with a bang.

"Sometimes players think that when they get into a tough match with someone, they need to change their game," said Johnson. "I told Martyna not to change her game and to keep playing the game that got her to this point.

"As far as this year, these girls always give one hundred percent effort. It's not always the same girls winning, which was shown today, and we're able to come out with big wins."

With their 3-5 victory, the Lady Flames move to 6-6 on the season, while the men's ninth consecutive loss brings their record to 3-10.

The weekend leaves the Lady Flames with a final score of 6-1 on the seventh-ranked team in the nation's freshman pitching sensation Lauren Delaney throws a shutout. It was fifth of the season.

One only did Lady Liberty threaten to break the shutout.

With the bases loaded and only one out in the fifth inning, Delaney struck out Liberty's next two batters, keeping them off the board and securing the win for Southwood.

The weekend leaves the Lady Flames with a record of 3-5-1.

The results for Monday's double-header against top-rated Tennessee were not available at press time.

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SOFTBALL: Lady Flames prepare for seven more games this week

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The second day of the tournament pitied Liberty against only one opponent, as the Lady Flames went head-to-head with nationally ranked Michigan.

The Wolverines came into the game as the sixth-best team in the nation. Sophomore Sarah Gillis pitched the entire game and was excellent from the mound.

She tossed a shutout while giving the Lady Flames a chance to come away with the win. Liberty opened up the scoring in the top of the sixth inning when Jeffs and Moore scored after a double from Williams.

Michigan's Tiffany Worthey showed the only imminent threat to the outfield when she hit a ball high to left field. Jefferson was able to make the diving catch, forcing Michigan to leave the bases loaded as the sixth inning expired.

After the near rally, the Lady Flames ended the game with a 9-0 victory.

Michigan is the third nationally ranked team the Lady Flames have been able to beat this season and just the sixth in program history.

After defeating one nationally ranked team the day before, the Lady Flames wake up Sunday with another on their plate.

Northwestern University and Liberty met for the first time on the softball diamond.

The Wildcats shutout the Lady Flames with a final score of 8-0 in the seventh-ranked team in the nation's freshman pitching sensation Lauren Delaney throws a shutout. It was fifth of the season.

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The Christian music industry is currently being flooded with new bands hoping to get their music heard and gain entrance into the church industry in hopes of being "the next Chris Tomlin," while others choose Christian music because their image and sound are in the game, and that there are groups like 33 Miles, which recognize the Christian music industry as unfeasible calling.

"We know why God brought us together," said band member Chris Lockwood. "We really believe that God has called us to the church. We feel like we've been called to remind the church and ourselves of what we see in Christ and where we've been.

"As Christians," said Lockwood, "we have a greater purpose, a greater role in this world. We need to use our gifts in different ways and make the best of our skills.

"We've been working hard and our music is improving every day. So all of that is about to just about everything. All of that is about to open our eyes to the world we can do to help the world.

"We've got lots of things to look forward to. We've got a lot of firsts."

Though 33 Miles does not have an earth-shattering new sound, it is a band filled with strong vocals and tight harmonies. The self-titled album is easy to listen to. The band is currently touring and winning over churches across the country, so be on the lookout. They may be stopping off near you during this summer.

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Rock out at LU: Student Government Association to host annual Battle of the Bands

By Carrie Caldwell
LIFE! REPORTER

What started three years ago has now become an LU tradition. SGA President Nathan Cooley said, "Battle of the Bands was a huge hit last year's Battle of the Bands winner, Chesterton, said, "Battle of the Bands was a blast, and it is a good way to witness local musical talent and a chance to see Liberty's top bands duke it out for a top spot in LU's Battle of the Bands.

As words of advice, Cooley said, "Just be yourselves and be fun - be genuine, be humble and benice to the roadsie setting your music off," said Dollar.

If you are looking for a night to witness local musical talent and a chance to see Liberty's top bands duke it out for a top spot in LU's Battle of the Bands, then come the SGA office at 9:30 p.m.

For more information about Battle of the Bands, contact the Student Government Association at sga@liberty.edu.